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Agenda Item

AGENDA
ITEM NO.

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TO: Governing Board of Directors

FROM: Stephen L. Cole, General Manager *SLC*

DATE: July 12, 2012

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2012-8 Authority to Apply for a Proposition 84 Local Groundwater Assistance Grant and to Execute a Grant Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources

PURPOSE:

To approve Resolution No. 2012-8 providing Authority to Apply for a Proposition 84 Local Groundwater Assistance Grant and to Execute a Grant Agreement with the California Department of Water Resources.

FACTS:

DWR has implemented the Local Groundwater Assistance (LGA) Grant Program. The program provides grants of up to \$250,000 to any one project or recipient. The program will be funded with Proposition 84, Chapter 2 funds (Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 75026 et seq.). The goal of the LGA Grant Program is to improve groundwater resource management and the knowledge of various groundwater basins throughout the state by funding projects that will provide long-term benefit to the management of groundwater. The Local Groundwater Management Assistance Act of 2000 (California Water Code (CWC) Section 10795 et seq.) was enacted to provide grants to local public agencies to conduct groundwater studies and carry out groundwater monitoring and management activities.

For many years the local purveyors, the Castaic Lake Water Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other stakeholders have conducted various investigations to better understand the Santa Clarita Valley's groundwater resources. Installation of additional monitoring wells would allow for the further evaluation of groundwater flow direction and water quality concerns. This resolution would authorize the preparation of an application to receive grant funding from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for installation of groundwater monitoring wells.

The Project would entail the installation of up to three monitoring wells in the Valencia area of the Santa Clarita Valley within the Saugus formation. The information related to groundwater levels, directions of groundwater flow and water quality would be vital to the preservation of existing well capacity and the construction of new production wells in the future.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There will be no direct cost to the District for the preparation of the grant application. Cost will be covered as an eligible expense under the Perchlorate Settlement Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board of Directors approve Resolution No. 2012-8 authorizing an application to the State of California for funding under the Local Groundwater Assistance Program for the Saugus Formation Groundwater Resources Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-8

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEWHALL COUNTY
WATER DISTRICT GRANTING THE GENERAL MANAGER
THE AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR A PROPOSITION 84 LOCAL GROUNDWATER
ASSISTANCE GRANT AND TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

WHEREAS, the State of California provides grant funds for the Local Groundwater Assistance Program pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84); and

WHEREAS, this grant program is administered by the Department of Water Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources requires the grant applicant to designate, by resolution, an authorized representative for filing the grant application and executing the Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Newhall County Water District, has the ability and desire to prepare and apply for a Local Groundwater Assistance Grant under Proposition 84.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors, the governing body of the Newhall County Water District, resolves and orders as follows:

- 1) The General Manager is authorized and directed to file an application with Department of Water Resources to obtain an Local Groundwater Assistance Grant pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Public Resource Code [PRC] Section 75001 *et seq.*).
- 2) The General Manager is authorized and directed to enter into and execute an agreement with the Department of Water Resources to receive a grant for funding the Saugus Formation Groundwater Resources Monitoring Project Phase I, which will consist of the installation of a monitoring well in the Saugus formation within the Community of Valencian in the City of Santa Clarita for the purpose of evaluating groundwater flow direction and water quality concerns.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Newhall County Water District this 12th day of July, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Directors

NOES: Directors

ABSTAIN: Directors

Maria Gutzeit, President of the
Board of Directors of the
NEWHALL COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

ATTEST:

Karin J. Russell
Secretary of the Board of Directors

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

I, Karin J. Russell, Secretary of the Newhall County Water District, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No.2012-8 of the Board of Directors of Newhall County Water District adopted at a Regular Meeting held on July 12, 2012, and that the same has not been amended or repealed.

Karin J. Russell, Secretary,
Newhall County Water District